

CHILD RIGHTS MANIFESTO

- Our vision is that every child and young person in Scotland enjoys all of their rights, as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
- We are thinking ahead to the 2016 Scottish Parliament elections, and would like all Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and 2016 candidates to support our vision, by signing this manifesto and committing to being 'Child Rights Champions' in all that they do!
- This manifesto includes children and young people's views on how they expect all MSPs to act, in order to ensure that their rights are championed in all decisions affecting them.
- Sign up to be a #CHILDRIGHTSCHAMP by visiting www.togetherscotland.org.uk

IN OUR SCOTLAND, CHILD RIGHTS CHAMPIONS WILL:

PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR RIGHTS

'Adults can't help children get their rights if the adults don't know what the rights are'

'I wouldn't understand my rights, I would like someone to tell me about them'

'everyone should have rights and that should be respected'

"The government can put things in place so that the rights of children are respected and publicised"

'We may be children but we all have rights'

ACTIVELY LISTEN AND EMPOWER US TO PARTICIPATE

'we are shaping the future of Scotland'

'having a say is important'

'people make decisions without asking you what would help'

'this needs to be led by young people who have first-hand experience of this'



**'things would improve
if people listened to us'**

**'it is important
that you
have choices'**

**'I hope our opinions are
valued by the staff
and they act on
the improvements'**

**'children need to be heard,
they have amazing ideas'**



CREATE RESPECTFUL COMMUNITIES THAT CELEBRATE DIFFERENCE

**'you understand
yourself more
than anyone'**

**'it is wrong to make
judgements because
of what is on TV'**

**'we may live different
lives but we still have
the same rights'**

**'it's normal to
be different,
we deserve
our rights'**

**'we need more
mental health
support...stigma
is still a problem for us'**



MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL INCLUDED

'It is important all of us are treated the same and have the same opportunities'

'Having a say is important for young disabled people in order for us to make our own decisions. Sometimes parents wrap you up in cotton wool to protect you from the outside'

'stereotypes must be challenged'

'people with disabilities should be treated the same'

'even though I've served my time, being labeled as a young offender means I'll always be judged'

SUPPORT US ALL TO LIVE FULL, HEALTHY LIVES WHERE WE CAN ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE

**'we want the rights to live,
not just exist'**

**'it should be our
choice if
we should have
family around us'**

**'Getting good
information
is power. If we get
told, this makes
us feel better
and gives us choices.'**

The Child Rights Manifesto has been created to reflect the voices of over 3,500 children and young people in Scotland. It's development has been supported by a working group of members of the Cross Party Group for Children and Young People and it has been reviewed by children and young people themselves.

Please become a #CHILDRIGHTSCHAMP by signing up to our manifesto to show your commitment to children and young people's rights.
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